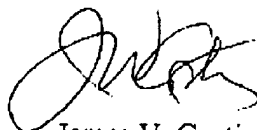


## REMARKS

In response to the requirement for the election of a species, the applicant elects the species where the blend is composed of a copper (II) salt of acetylsalicylic acid with titanium dioxide as a promoting compound in micronized form, without a modulating compound and the compounds of (iii) are not present in hydrate form and other active principles are not present. Claim 9 has been cancelled and no election of the species of a canceled claim is required. Claims 1-14 are identified as reading on the elected species.

The claims of the present application have a technical relation in that they are chemical compounds, compositions of the chemical compounds and methods of using the chemical compounds. Under the ADMINISTRATIVE INSTRUCTIONS UNDER THE PCT, page AI-58, which is available as Annex B to APPENDIX T of the MPEP, if there is a technical relation between the separately grouped claims, restriction or an election of species should not be required. In this case there is a sufficient technical basis on which to link the claims. Nothing in the PCT Rules provides for the issuance of a requirement for the election of a species and for these reasons, it is requested that the restriction requirement be withdrawn and an action be given on all claims.

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